

## REVIEWS OF BOOKS.

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VON BERGMANN'S SURGERY. A System of Practical Surgery. By DRs. E. VON BERGMANN, of Berlin; P. VON BRUNS, of Tübingen, and J. VON MIKULICZ, of Breslau. Edited by WILLIAM T. BULL, M.D., of New York. Volumes II and III. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co., 1904.

The first volume of this system of surgery has recently been reviewed in the *ANNALS OF SURGERY*. The first volume dealt with the Head, the second deals with the Neck, Thorax, and Spinal Column, and the third considers the Surgery of the Extremities.

The list of contributors to the second volume contains the names of v. Angerer, v. Bruns, Erhardt, v. Eiselsberg, Henle, Hofmeister, Jordan, Kümmell, and Riedinger.

In Volume II, von Eiselsberg contributes the chapter on Diseases and Injuries of the Thyroid Gland, which constitutes one of the best treatises of the book. It is not explained why the authorship of the chapters on Malformations, Injuries, and Diseases of the Neck, Larynx, and Trachea, and Mammary Gland is not given, an omission which detracts from the value of the work. For instance, v. Bruns's name is given as one of the contributors to the volume, but the chapters he wrote are not designated. Some of the anatomical plates, which are beautifully reproduced, bear no explanatory texts.

In Volume III Hoffa's contribution on Malformations and Injuries of the Hip and Thigh is one of the most important in this volume. He presents very fairly the methods and surgical procedures of other surgeons, such as Lorenz, Mikulicz, Schede, and others, at the same time expressing his own conclusions on the subject. His chapter on Congenital Dislocation of the Hip-Joint is excellent. The section on Amputation at the Hip-Joint by the

same author is remarkably poor and incomplete. The method of Wyeth, so successfully and extensively used by American surgeons, is not even described, but is simply mentioned in passing as a complicated and unnecessary procedure.

In this volume many X-ray pictures are reproduced, and add greatly to the value of the work. Rarely is the old schematic drawing seen.

The general arrangement of the work is excellent.

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ORTHMANN'S HAND-BOOK OF GYNÆCOLOGICAL PATHOLOGY.

Translated by C. HUBERT ROBERTS, M.D. (Lond.), F.R.C.S. (Eng.), M.R.C.P. London: John Bale, Sons & Danielsson, Ltd., 1904.

This work, which is a translation from the German, is intended to assist the gynæcologist in making his own microscopical diagnoses. The first section of the book is given to a brief description of the most modern methods of general pathological technique. The remainder deals with the diagnosis of pathologic conditions of the various parts of the female generative tract. The descriptions are as concise as thoroughness will allow, and the uncommon conditions are only briefly considered. The chapters on New Growths of the Uterus and affections of the Fallopian tubes are especially instructive. The text is interspersed with seventy-three excellent illustrations, mostly all original. The book is a valuable contribution to the literature of gynæcological pathology.

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ELEMENTS OF SURGICAL DIAGNOSIS. By A. PEARCE GOULD, M.S., F.R.C.S. Third edition, revised and enlarged. Chicago: W. T. Keener & Co., 1903.

In this new edition the whole text has been revised and many additions have been made. A section on the Diagnosis of the

Intracranial Complication of Middle-ear Disease has been added to the chapter on Diseases of the Head, and the chapters on the Diagnosis of Abdominal Diseases have been considerably enlarged.

In its scope, the book covers the entire field of the diagnosis of injuries and surgical diseases of the body, the two being considered separately. There are no illustrations and the print is small. The arrangement of the text is somewhat confusing, owing, no doubt, to the condensed form in which the subject is presented, and the fact that the direct and the differential diagnosis are not clearly enough defined.

The book contains a wealth of valuable information and is thoroughly practical.

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CASE TEACHING IN SURGERY. By HERBERT L. BURRELL, M.D., and JOHN B. BLAKE, M.D. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co., 1904.

In this small volume are detailed the salient features in the histories of seventy-five selected surgical cases. On the page opposite each history is left a blank space, in which the student is expected to supply the diagnosis, prognosis, and methods of treatment. The idea is a good one, and should prove to be a valuable aid to instructors as a means of assisting them in didactic and clinical instruction.

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